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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Baskaran Chandrasekar  
Serial No.: 10/088,405  
Filed: 07/24/2002  
Group Art Unit: 1617  
Examiner: COTTON, Abigail Manda.  
Title: LOCAL DELIVERY OF 17-BETA ESTRADIOL FOR PREVENTING VASCULAR  
INTIMA HYPERPLASIA AND FOR IMPROVING VASCULAR ENDOTHELIUM FUNCTION AFTER VASCULAR  
INJURY

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed on April 10, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on October 10, 2006 with a three-month extension of time. The Applicants submit concurrently a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, to and including October 10, 2006, accompanied by the required fee. Please also find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5.